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Sydney Anarchist Newsletter

Summer '93

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EDITORIAL

This newsletter is put together by people involved in anarchist politics in sydney
We meet every three months at the "pow wow" - a social/organising day and people
volunteer for the editorial collective, which rotates each time. If you're interested to get involved come along and share skills and meet some new people.

Contributions to the newsletter are really welcome, any writing, graphix, news of upcoming events etc. Leave them at one of the bookshops, addresses below.

At the last pow-wow we decided to focus on local distro so if you got this sent to you from a mail out list please contact one of the bookshops and let us know if you want to keep getting it. At the moment we are putting this together on a budget of $0 so donations and stamps are needed.

Black Rose Bookshop-583a King St, Newtown-5199194
Jura Bookshop-110 Crystal St, Petersham-5509931

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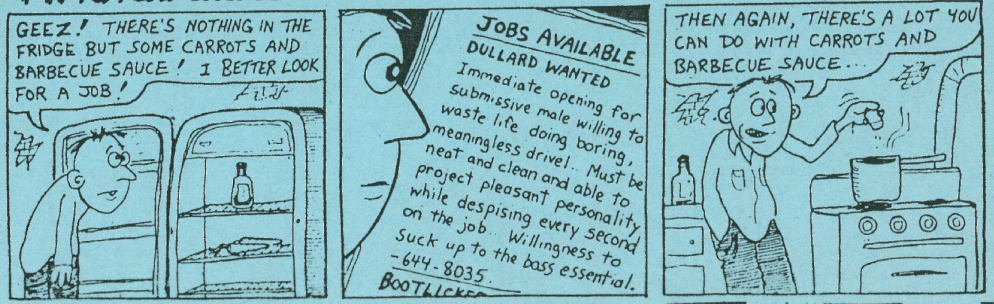
GEEZ! THERE'S NOTHING IN THE FRIDGE BUT SOME CARROTS AND BARBECUE SAUCE! I BETTER LOOK FOR A JOB!
JOBS AVAILABLE
DULLARD WANTED
Immediate opening for submissive male willing to waste life doing boring, meaningless drivel... Must be neat and clean and able to project pleasant personality while despising every second on the job... Willingness to suck up to the boss essential.
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BOOTLICKER
THEN AGAIN, THERE'S A LOT YOU CAN DO WITH CARROTS AND BARBECUE SAUCE...
GRAPHIC: ACE BACKWORDS

It is more important to stop police violence than to stop people speaking out about it

On June 9,1987 Gary Hayes was taken into custody for interrogation by Perth police. During the subsequent night & day, Gary was beaten, strangled & whipped across the face with handcuffs by 5 detectives. Then he was charged with a break-in at a deli, despite the deli's broken window being too small for Gary, & despite Gary having no wounds & the blood on the deli fridge.

The doctor he saw immediately after he was bailed minimised the extent of his injuries & denied the reality of the police violence. He then consulted a psychiatrist who declared him OK, but within days Gary was arrested & incarcerated at Graylands Psychiatric hospital for 'assessment'. The shrinks declared he hadn't been bashed & framed, diagnosed him as suffering from 'paranoid delusions', & held him in maximum security for a month, injecting him with Chlorpromazine, a drug used for acute schizophrenia.

Gary not only lost the court case & subsequent appeal, but had to sell all he owned to pay the $6,500 costs. Then in early 1988 & in August 1991 he was again harrassed & beaten by police.

Gary began to speak out: to media, parliamentarians, Ombudsman, civil liberties & human rights groups. Scared, he got a gun to defend himself from the cops: & when they raided his home he was charged with its possession. In despair, on the night before he was due to appear in court (April 28, 1993), he took an 11-tonne armoured personnel carrier from the Irwin Army Barracks in suburban Karracutta. Gary drove through the pre-dawn streets of Perth, rammed a police car through the wall of the station wherein he had been bashed, drove on to police HQ & the central law courts, smashing heavy metal gates, ramming police vehicles & the front of the buildings...

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In court Gary attempted, unsuccessfully, to speak of the injustices he had endured: he was remanded to Casuarina prison, in isolation. His bail application was 'lost' as the prison shrinks proceeded to forcibly inject him with Fluphenazine. Such neuroleptics are the most potent of all psychiatric drugs & can cause permanent brain damage. Yet the fact that Gary has become more compliant & complacent is judged by the doctors & the legal system as his condition 'improving'. It is intended to keep Gary on the medication for 12 months without review.

On 1st November, a solicitor entered a guilty plea on Gary's behalf. Judge Viol is withholding sentence until 17 December. (Protests are planned -for 17 December- across Oz, outside WA Tourist Bureaus.) The danger is that the psychiatric report will carry a lot of weight, & that Gary's evidence will not even be heard : this could result in Gary being legally classified as insane for daring to expose police violence.

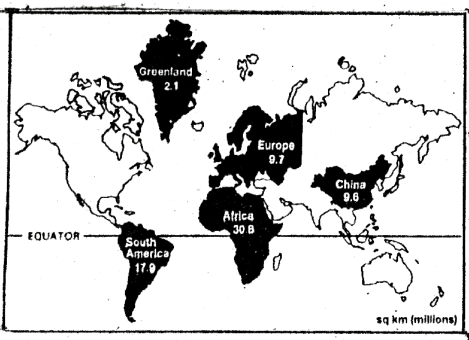
Doonesbury
BY GARRY TRUDEAU
YOU'LL FIND ALL 26 OF OUR DEMANDS ON THAT DISK!
I SEE. SO HOW DO I GET IN?
JUST DOUBLE-CLICK ON THE "DEMANDS" FILE.
AH... HERE WE GO... "1. WE DEMAND THAT YOU RESIGN..."
OKAY, I SEE A PROBLEM HERE. IF I RESIGN, HOW CAN I ACT ON ALL THESE OTHER DEMANDS?
UM... OKAY, MOVE THAT ONE TO LAST...
HOW? I GO UP TO THE MENU BAR, RIGHT?

Catching the train from Redfern towards the West or South, just after the station you can see the banner "Australian Technology Park" emblazened across the top of an old red rattler train carriage. Worldwide idiot tekno-park planner Tom Forgan has set up his new office in this carriage, plotting his new scams with glee (like some mad child with a xmas train set). The old site of Paddy's market, once set aside for desparately needed public housing, is now to be the dreamscape of ultra-capitalism's next adventure. But Tom's train isn't moving very fast. Community opposition continues. (Let's hitch his carriage to an engine and tow it out to Bathurst).

Of interest with regard to the newly renamed Australian Technology Park is that the first 'tenants' have again postponed their arrival at the park until February. They have however secured sponsorship from the following industrial concerns: **ICI, BHP, AWA and ADI**. These companies are merely the sponsors of the first tenant — a University based full-fee graduate engineering school. But what sponsors they are! ICI made the **napalm** that was used throughout the Vietnam war; BHP are infamous for their polluting mine in PNG called **Ok Tedi**; AWA are into electronic security — via AWA's Ross Foster who is overseer of Australian infrastructure management in the AWA Defence Industry electronic services division at **Nurrungar Spy Base**; ADI are Australian Defence Industries, a private arm of the Government, into everything military, most recently the supply of incendiary phosphorous mortar bombs to the PNG defence forces on **Bougainville**. All this confirms that the ATP is a seriously disturbing part of the University research enterprise.

Related to the ATP, the "multifunction polis" tekno park planned for the city of Adelaide with much fanfare a few years back, this month lost its Japanese Capital backing. In response the mfp is changing its name and giving up its central Adelaide site. It is now little more than a coordinated series of special centres located in eight institutions across South Australia. **Ha! Ha! Ha!**

THE MAP IS NOT THE TERRITORY

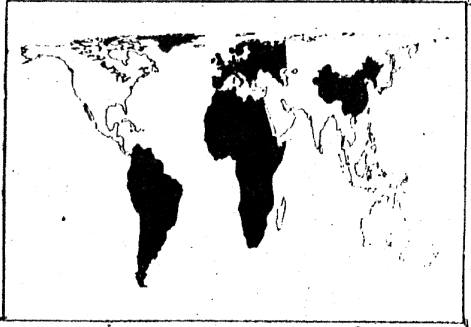


The map above represents the way Europeans have seen the world since the 16th century Europe looks as big as Africa yet it covers less than a 3rd of its land mass.

As Australia wakes up to the fact that we are part of the asia pacific region and not just a colonial outcrop, it's time to re- evaluate our role and position on the globe.

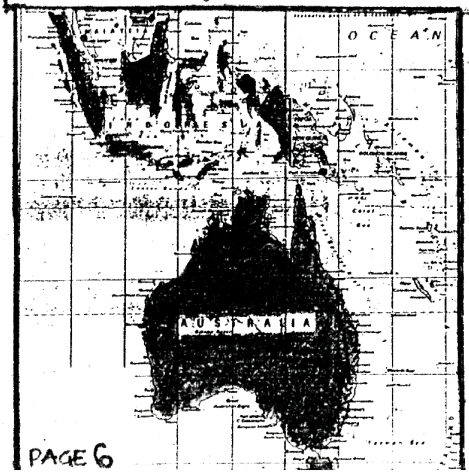
The importance of western countries has always been over exaggerated in our maps and in our minds just as the role of non western countries have been trivialised.

MAP of World according to square KM



Indonesia, for example covers an area nearly as large as Australia, has over 10 times the population, and is one of our closest neighbours, yet we know more about the USA.

In the coup of 1965 over 1 million people died - at the time the largest bloodbath since WWII and a much larger one than the former Yugoslavia. How come it's largely unknown or forgotten?



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A country so near but yet so far, only a hop and a skip away but yet the average jo blow hardly knows it from a bar of soap. I've just been there and have learnt a bit about how the country's political clockwork ticks and how australia has and is helping to make sure it keeps on ticking.

Indonesia keeps its populous masses happy by adopting a very original combination of techniques like censorship, patriotism, torture and murder of political prisoners not to mention the various massacres we all know about. Some examples are...

* an indonesian artist, poet,etc must get consent from 17 different bureaus before they can publish their work...

* history books blatantly glamourize president Soeharto for his "invaluable inner strengths", being "so gifted" with "such striking evidence of political skill", whereas Sukarno (the guy who got kicked out in the coup of 1965 -see box→ while 1 million people got kicked out of existence) is written off as "aging, ill and self indulgent".

* on September 25,1993 troops headed by a guy called Hinayana opened fire on 500 people who were demonstrating about giving up their land for a planned irrigation project. 4 people were killed, which may not seem much but the thing is that this is happening all the time.

* people who were arrested in the 1965 coup are still being executed.

A SMALL FAVOUR FOR OUR NEIGHBOUR

So, in the famous words of Johnny Rotten, "what's it got to do with us?" (He probably said that at one point of his life.)

Well it's pretty obvious that the "leaders" of this country don't mind the techniques that the Indonesian gvt uses to suppress its people. Their reaction to the invasion of East Timor shows it.

40 000 East Timorese people died for supporting Australian troops during WWII but when they were invaded, Australia (with the Whitlam Gvt in power) was the 1st and only country to recognize Indonesia's annexation of East Timor. On September 16,1975, 5 Australian journalists were killed by indonesian troops on east Timor and another would be murdered in December. Indonesia halted their plans for invasion for a whole week, expecting an outcry over the journalists' deaths. Nothing happened. Gough Whitlam merely asked Soeharto for assistance in finding out how they had died. Soeharto never replied - Whitlam was dismissed soon after and Fraser never took any interest either.

NESIA

So it seems that Australia was in a position to prevent the invasion of East Timor, had it reacted more assertively to the killing of these journalists. A position similar to that of the USA when it chose to give military aid to indonesian forces when they ran out of ammuninition shortly after the 1965 coup. Indonesia could thus continue its communist "purge",and murder 1 million people in order to establish a "New Order".

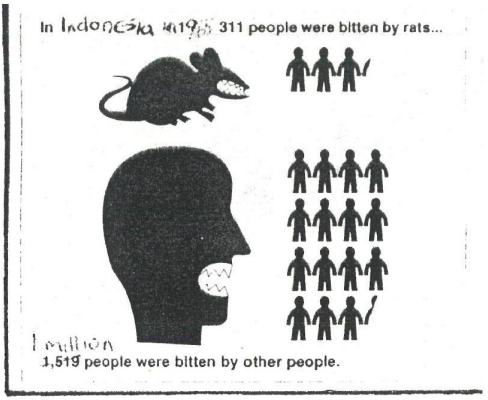
These days even the USA are under heavy pressure to bring human rights to the agenda with Indonesia. Australia however, having signed 6 oil contracts with Indonesia only a few weeks after the November 1991 Dilli massacre,is chastising the USA for putting human rights before trade. This is the Labour Party? As Paul Stewart (singer for Painters and Dockers and brother of a journalist killed in East Timor) says..."Even the National Party are saying something for fuck's sake. It's time we made our voices heard."

Just a few more words on exactly how Australia helps the Indonesian military to keep its clockwork ticking...The Australian military has been forging greater links with Indonesia in what is known as the Defence Cooperation Program. This used to consist of Australia helping build patrol boats, surveillence systems, etc in the late 70's. These days Australia is forking out just under $2 million in aid (bee's knees compared to the $30 million we give to Papua New Guinea), but this doesn't include the cost of training Indonesian soldiers here. This is where the links are getting stronger. The last joint naval exercise (Horizon 7) took place in August just off Darwin and Australia intends to have many more and to make them as big as the Kangaroo exercises we have with the USA. (This is where all the soldiers hop around like kangaroos)

The assistance in arming and training Indonesia is seen as preparing Indonesia against external attack. A well armed neighbour strategically provides Australia with a couple of sandbags - a "defence buffer zone" before the "attackers" can get us. Not that sandbags are a big help when a nuclear bomb is exploding in your face. It's obvious that Indonesia is arming itself more for internal attack than external defence. The military is more equipped to kill off a few ratbag freedom fighters in Irian Jaya and East Timor than to confront a herd of attacking commies/ arabs or whatever the enemy flavour of the month happens to be.

Anyway, this is some of the stuff I learnt about Indonesia. There are of course heaps of great things as well, but you can read about that in a tourist brochure. If you want to find out more, then AKSI (Indonesian Solidarity....)are good to talk to or look out for books by Pramoedya Ananta Toer such as "Awakenings", or "Footsteps". The author was arrested in 1965 and held in isolation on Buru Island for 30 years or so.

→ contact AKSI thro 690177



"THE WEST'S BEST NEWS FOR YEARS IN ASIA" - Time magazine 1966

1965 : INDONESIA

Before the bloodbath of 1965 Indonesia had 2 main power centres - the army and the PKI(the communist party of Indonesia with a membership of up to 20 million).

1962... In a RAND corporation study, Guy Pauker (linked with the CIA) urges his contacts in the indonesian army to "fulfill a mission" and "strike, sweep the house clean".

1963... Former CIA staff officer William Kitner warns "if the PKI is able to maintain its legal existence...it is possible that Indonesia may be the 1st southeast asia country to be taken over by a popularly based, legally elected communist gvt".

1964... RAND corporation memo, Guy Pauker expresses his concern that US backed groups "would probably lack the ruthlessness that made it possible for the Nazis to suppress the communist party of Germany...[these right wing and military elements] are weaker than the Nazis, not only in numbers and mass support, but also in unity, discipline and leadership".

1965 September 30th... 6 generals killed. Pro-american general Soeharto takes charge and leads a bloodbath in which over 1 million people are killed (Amnesty International). This is the start of Soeharto's "New Order".
Later Guy Pauker reflected that the assassination of the generals "elicited the ruthlessness that I had not anticipated a year earlier".
The US Ambassador, Marshall Green told Washington that he could not establish any PKI role in the assassinations but recommended covert efforts to "spread the story of the PKI's guilt, treachery and brutality".
US documents for the 3 months prior to september 30th, 1965 are STILL WITHHELD FROM PUBLIC SCRUTINY

(quotations taken from Noam Chompsky's "Year 501".)

THE PHOTOCOPIER AS A SUBVERSIVE WEAPON

The billboard artist's goal is to throw a well-aimed spanner into the media's gears, bringing the image factory to a shuddering halt.

A READY ASSEMBLED GRAPHIC CAN BE PASTED UP IN LESS THAN 3 MINUTES.

Get access to a photocopier.

Get access to a photocopier. It has to be one with an enlargement function. Some will only enlarge up to 141%, others go 200%. The best copiers will go 400% - try to find one of these. Arts Centres might be a good place to start looking.

The most accessible and cheapest machines have a set enlargement button; they give 141%. Why 141% - well, it's a magic dimension that always retains the relative dimensions of the two sides (that's why A4 paper is the size it is). Really. Divide the length of an A4 by its width and you get 1.41. What it means practically is that if you take an A4 and blow it up 141% it becomes an A3 (exactly double the area). An A3 blown up 141% again doubles in size exactly (to become an A2). And so on, A1, A0 etc.

Doing this you can take a graphic on A3 and keep doubling (141%) each half of the paper the copier spits out and watch it grow to the size you want.

You can paste all the tiles together indoors with PVA/ Copydex/water-soluble glue like you used in school. You can redo bits in coloured paper; pick out bits using coloured toner; or paint on it; the limits are your imagination.

Mind you, don't try to paste up graphics any bigger than 2m x 1m; if your message is larger, make it up of big chunks and butt the sections together as they go up.

If you want to fit something over an irregular size picture then you have to measure up the original and work backwards. Draw up a scale of what you want to subvert and see how to fit A3's into it. Stare at it long enough and it becomes apparent.

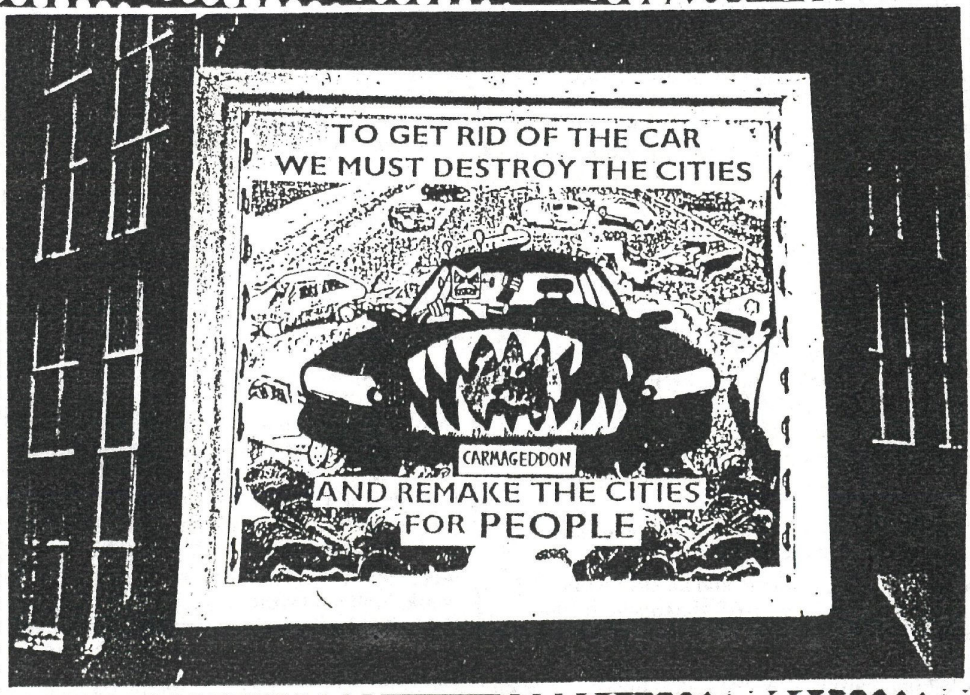
For lettering, you can do letraset and keep blowing it up, but again it's wasteful. Either paint your slogan on paper or, better still, find a computer and do the alphabet, one letter on each A4 printout. These are your originals, don't paste them up. When you want a slogan take each letter in turn on a copier and blow them up. With a computer you should be able to find the exact right typeface as is already on the billboard.

Use wallpaper paste for the hit, a bucket and a paint brush. Coat the area to be covered with lots of paste, place on your graphic and go over it again with plenty of paste (a little PVA in the mix makes it set quicker and waterproofs it as well). A broom will get you higher - cut down the head to fit inside the bucket.

Our actions hope to reclaim these billboards and use them as our own canvasses, to advertise our own campaigns and utimately recreate our communities for what we would rather see. We can turn the tables on capitalism if we recognise that we can all be artists - if we don't compete, but play, play hard and play seriously.

After all, it's our walls that are being rented out for business propaganda. So we should recycle them to integrate once more the notion of LIFE and the value of LIVING into the urban centres of the 20th century.

Billboard banditry is also excellent preparation for more advanced forms of monkeywrenching. As well as being empowering through having immediate and visible results, it's fun too.



IT MUST BE SAID THAT THE SKILLFULLY REWORKED BILLBOARD DIRECTS THE PASSER-BY TO A CONSIDERATION OF THE ORIGINAL CORPORATE STRATEGY IN THE CONTEXT OF A THOUGHTFUL REACTION.

From: 'Smashing The Image Factory' available at Black Rose + Sura.

RIDE FREE

In the ceaseless battle against the criminal elements of society, our public transport utilities have tried various methods to combat the scourge of the fare avoiding passenger. The latest is the magnetic stripe ticket.

When these tickets are first inserted into the bus ticket machine they are encoded with information that determines the life of the ticket, a Travelten will be invalid after 10 trips. A visible stamp is also applied with relevant information such as the route, date, time,section and a unique number. This information allows Transit Authority staff to determine if apassenger is trying to squeeze a bit more out of their ticket. A Travelten will have "No more rides" stamped on it after 10 trips are made. The ticket machines will display a warning and an audible signal if an out of date or invalid ticket is inserted.

The Travelten however has a weakness, apart from the magnetic stripe and stamp, there are no other indicators to tell how many times the ticket has been used. An unused ticket has information recorded on it that informs the ticket machine that it is a new ticket and that 9 more rides are left. This info is recorded onto the stripe and the ticket is stamped accordingly.

Magnetic stripes can be scrambled by magnetic fields. All electricmotors and electro magnets radiate large feilds. Vacuume cleaners, washing machines, backs of TVs, and tape bulk erasers ...check out your local community radio station. By applying a tape eraser to a Travelten ticket, the magnetic stripe is not only scrambled, it is totally removed.

A curious feature of the bus ticket reading machines is that they cannot distinguish between a genuine ticket and an erased one. If an erased ticket is inserted, the machine goes through the motions of reading and stamping the ticket, but does not indicate an invalid ticket nor stamps it. A blank new ticket inserted in the machine emerges as a blank ticket without the machine indicating as such! With a bit of forward planning, the ticket can be used many times over.

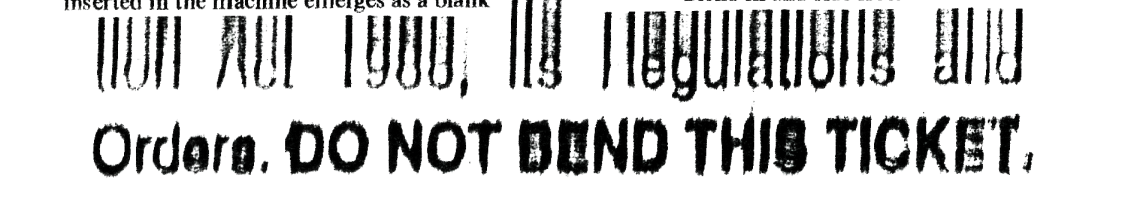
The first step is to purchase a Travelten and erase it. Put the ticket on the tape eraser, switch on the power, then slowly move the ticket off the eraser till it's about an arms length away. Turn off the eraser, you now have a liberated ticket to ride!

Try to keep the ticket looking new and fresh from the shop. When you get on the bus, use the ticket machine opposite the driver, the one nearest the door. Try not to hide your actions, let the bus driver see what you are doing, but don't let them see the back of the ticket. You musn't glance at the ticket either, as this is the key to your defence if you are requested to show the ticket to the driver or an inspector.

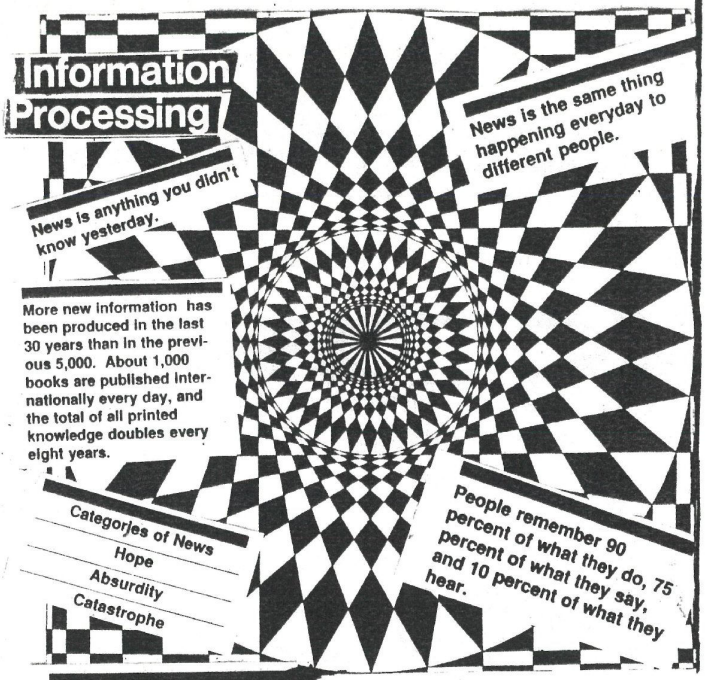
If asked to show the ticket, one must employ some acting ability. Your defence is that you have just purchased the ticket from the newsagents and of course you don't know it's faulty. Hey, you want your money back OK. Whaddaya mean there's no refund?!!!

Play the respectable honest citizen who's just got ripped off role and co-operate with them. No doubt they will want your name and address, and where you bought the ticket from. It is up to you as to whether you wish to furnish truthful details. Bear in mind though that each ticket also has a number already stamped on the front which probably indicates where and when the ticket was purchased. It would look a bit strange to have a 6 month old ticket. Plan to buy a new ticket at least every month, just in case, and once again keep it clean, a tatty ticket is a dead giveaway.

Blend in and ride free!



NEWS INFORMATION: VIOLENT WALLPAPER


Information Processing
News is anything you didn't know yesterday.
News is the same thing happening everyday to different people.
More new information has been produced in the last 30 years than in the previous 5,000. About 1,000 books are published internationally every day, and the total of all printed knowledge doubles every eight years.
Categories of News
Hope
Absurdity
Catastrophe
People remember 90 percent of what they do, 75 percent of what they say, and 10 percent of what they hear.

Av Westin, former head of ABC Television News, has pointed out that the first thing people want to learn from news broadcasts is that they and their families are at least safe for one more night. Then they want to learn if anyone else may have been devoured by external evil or internal rot. Then they may be interested in any signs of future danger. Long-term trends (as news, or as knowledge for self-defense) put them to sleep.

THE HAND OF PICTO-SIMULISM

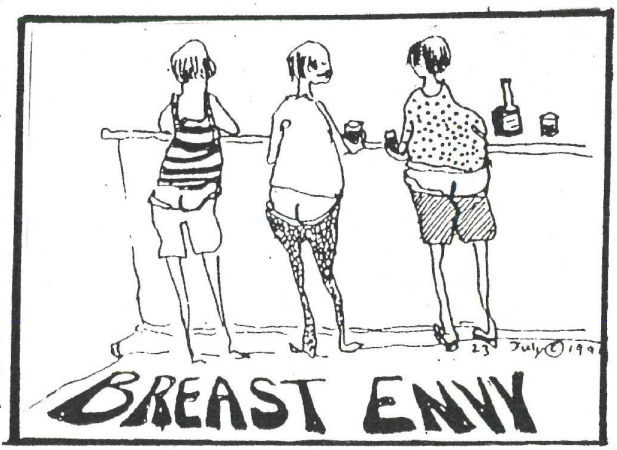
Now AAA offers you, the students of woe, the sensation of a disappearing reality. Sustained execution of these simple rites will allow the foreclosure of woeful deeds. And that's guaranteed.

WORDINGS TO BE UTTERED.

1.
Enter into conversations with strangers in supermarkets and act on the assumption that the other person will pay for your shopping.
HANDY WORD HELP
"You don't mind if I get this, do you?"
"I don't think it will cost you too much."
"You have brought your purse, that's good."

2.
Interact with the management of Corporate Food Retailers as if they have contracted a fatal disease.
HANDY WORD HELP
"Sorry to hear the news."
"How long have you got?"
"Will your family be all right without you."

Simulism AAA
MANUFACTURED UNDERGROUND



AVA PROPER GANDER AT ANGRY PEOPLE

National news coverage from a working class perspective. With virtually all print media owned and controlled by people who aren't working class you really can't expect much else but crap. In ANGRY PEOPLE you'll find a load of idea's, articles, photo's, our class' history and news coverage that really is from the streets.

PO BOX 183 WATERLOO NSW 2017 AUST

Hemp-Crop of the future

< with an amazing past >

Hemp n. Herbaceous plant, native of India; its cortical fibres used for rope and stout fabrics.
Also known as; Indian hemp, marijuana, ganja, mull, mary jane, reefer, nyandi, smoko.....

IN THE PAST <PRE 1870> HEMP WAS;

*the most traded product in the world (especially for sails, ropes, fabric, paper)
*the most cultivated non-food crop in the world
*the third most prescribed drug in the U.S.
*used in large paper and textile industries world wide
*smoked and enjoyed without harassment

THEN IN 1938 CAME PROHIBITION BY THE U.S. GOVT

WHY??????????

*to destroy the hemp industry and so allow petrochemical companies to introduce nylon and synthetic fibres without competition
*to stir up racial hatred against blacks and hispanics who were the main recreational users at the time.

WHATS HAPPENING NOW

*growing hemp is illegal in N.S.W.
*Aust has a $700 million trade imbalance on processed paper goods i.e. it exports woodchips dirt cheap and buys back expensive processed paper goods.
*in S.A. and Canberra marijuana is decriminalised. In Tasmania the first trial hemp plantations are underway
*in Europe recent changes in legislation mean plants producing less than 3% THC (active ingredient of marijuana) are classified as fibre plants not prohibited drugs. Plantations supply a rapidly growing hemp paper and textile industry

HEMP FOR PAPER HEMP FOR FUEL

Why we need Hemp

*We needs to develop a sustainable paper industry, old growth forests that are left need to be saved
*growing and manufacturing hemp could mean jobs for people displaced from the timber industry and other people
*we have an ideal climate
*to grow hemp needs no insecticides or herbicides, unlike cotton, and produces 2-3 tmes more fabric per acre
*processing hemp produces little pollution, unlike wood pulp processing
*th eres a big demand for hemp products and clothing

What can you do?

*spread the word-tell people -show this flyer to people-support the legalisation of hemp/marijuana -buy hemp clothes-smoke reefer and have fun

Hemp for Paper & Textiles

AUST SPENDS OVER $340 MILLION EACH YEAR AND CRIMINALISES OVER 50,000 PEOPLE TO SUPPRESS A PLANT USED BY HUMANITY FOR AT LEAST 12,000 YEARS

HEMP FOR PAPER HEMP FOR FUEL

JURA NOTES

We would like to welcome an old supporter of the bookshop who now helps to run things especially on Tuesdays when he does his shift. Paul spent some time in Katoomba but now lives back in the »big smoke". Thanx again. Hello also to Jamie (a joke). Well it's good-bye to Jake it seems. He now focuses on other matters/ projects close to his heart. He's still in radio contact though and maybe we'll see him again soon. Goodbye also to Stephanos, who's concentrating on his studies in the Arts for a while.
Another supporter and artiste extraordinaire, Max Elbourne is working on a BIG sign for the front of the shop, so people passing will see us better and maybe generate more custom. Thanx heaps.
We do lots of mail order requests and have a great range of books, t-shirts, badges etc to chooose from. Our address is 110 Crystal Street, Petersham (ph 02 550 9931).
Also, shift volunteers are welcome. At present there is some time vacant during the week for anyone interested.

HARON.
JURA COLLECTIVE.

Contributions to Jura's Debt Elimination Appeal

(previous total to May '93	= $16959
JW	$60
Anon	$25
PM ("No, not Keating,stupid !")	$900
Anon	$500
Cuevas	$100
Anon	$400
G. Leahy	$20
Jascardo	$40
TOTAL	= $19,004

NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE

• Breaking Free – The Adventures of Tintin	$4.40
• The Mothers of Plaza de Mayo – The Story of Renee Epelbaum – Joint Founder of the Mother of the Disappeared in Argentina.	$13.75
• Black Mask & Up Against the Wall M/Fucker – An Art-Meets-Anarchist Story	$11.20
• Terror or Love – The Personal Account of a W. German Urban Guerrilla	$8.80
• Anarchy and the End of History – Various essays and articles by well known writers	$13.50
• The Scarlet Q – Anarchy Religion and the Cult of Science	$14.00
• Ego and Its Own – Stirner – Individual Against Authority	$18.60
• A.I.D.S. & the Third World – What More Needs Saying? A potentially explosive issue.	$20.00
• The Military Abuse of Animals	$2.55
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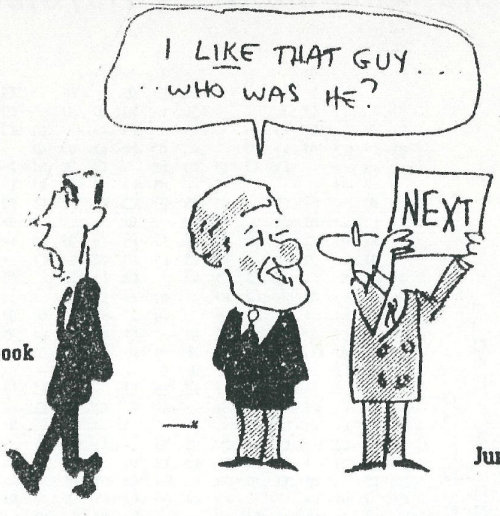

BUT WHAT ELSE IS THERE ?!

stop relieing on mainstream media for your information each morning. It's time to create our own media that's about and by us.

- A group of people (??) are setting up an alternative media/info centre at 110 Crystal St, Petersham (above Jura Books) aiming to produce and distribute local/ minority/subculture and political news, radio shows etc. The idea is to make resources and equiptment more accessible to local people who want to produce newslet ters, pamphlets, pancakes, posters etc. We already had 2 computers donated and we need a printer, fax, photo copier etc.

You can help with donations or by coming to the benefit.....ring 5199194

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ERKO PARKS

Erskinville Parks are owned by the RTA and were originally purchased for a road widening project which if carried out would see Erskineville Rd turned into a four lane highway with Albert St as an arterial road. The road would go straight through the servo, straight through the site of recent contoversy where the proposed Tramshed Markets were to be set up and out onto King St between the station and the Town Hall Hotel. In order to make the park sites empty the RTA evicted tenants who lived in a house on the eastern side. Once evicted, the RTA demolished the house. Later on the council planted some trees, put in two benchs and lined the perimeter with copper logs on the eastern side. The other park was left for thr RTA to park its heavy machinery on. When, in August 1992 the RTA tried to sell off the parks to the highest bidder at a public auction in the JLW offices in the heart of the city many locals and supporters turned up and brought the sale to a halt. Bidders were told to 'leave our parks alone', to 'stick to the Northern beaches' and that 'rich bastards weren't welcome in our communities'. A small victory! The actions of ordinary people had successfully scared off any potential land grabbers for the time being but as we got into '93 St Vinnies entered into negotiations with the RTA to build a two or three storey building to house sixty homeless, frail, aged men. St Vinnies, when approached by those concerned about the lack of open, green space in the inner city, said that they would give back the eastern park to the local residents. Now although these sixty odd homeless, frail and aged men DO NEED somewhere to live - somewhere with decent facilities - they definitely DO NOT need to be housed on top of one of Erko's few parks. This isn't a case of 'Oh we don't want helpless old men hanging round our suburb'. The point is that there is little open, green space around the inner city and more and more of OUR land is being bought up by rich individuals or groups either openly or behind fronts such as a company. They do not have our interests at heart but instead are concerned with fast cash and prime location. And as for St Vinnies offering to hand us back a park it's a bloody insult! Everybody, regardless of whether the law states differently or not, has a birthright to the resources of the community and no-one has the right to monopolise these resources. What happens to the parks (if anything) is for the community at large to decide and definitely not for a bunch of scheming capitalists to carve up for personal profit.

Because of the pressure exerted on Vinnies and the high risk of public embarrassment of being seen to be victimising ordinary people when they spend so much time helping others Vinnies have backed off waiting for anger to subside and energy to wither away. BUT THEY CAN FORGET IT. Locals have been meeting weekly and are currently organizing a day long fun fair on Saturday December 4 at the parks. Events include live music, face painting for the kids, tree planting and free food will be available! So get on down there and show your support.

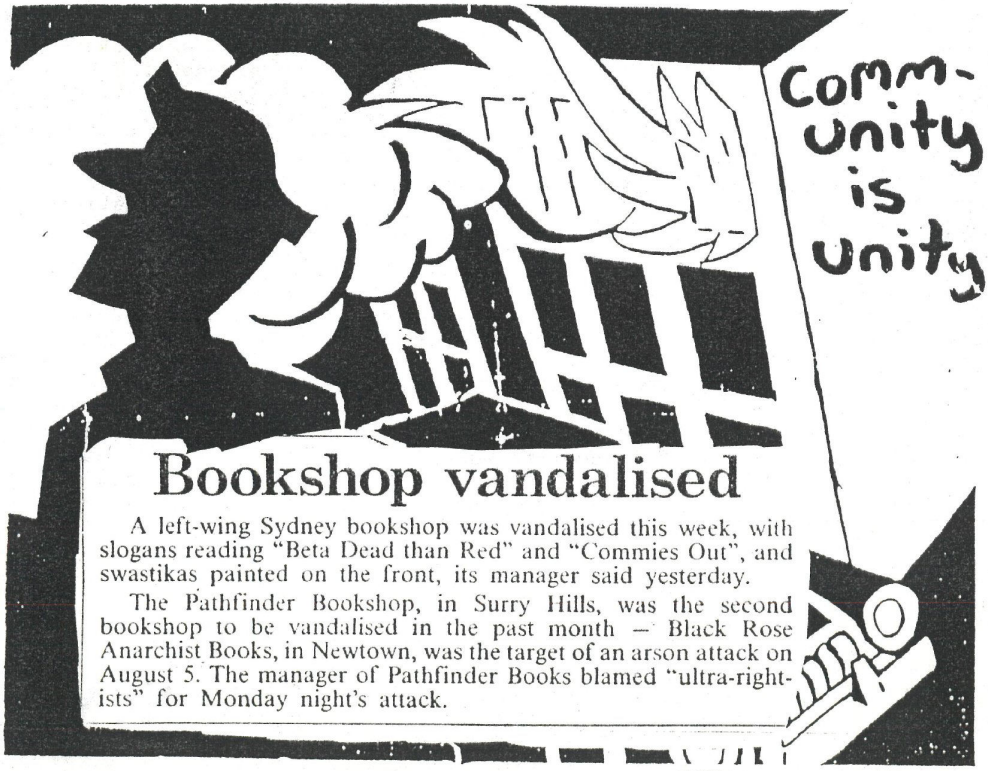
ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE THE PEOPLES' PARKS

BLACK ROSE ANARCHIST BOOKSHOP

The story so far : On the 4th of August the Black Rose was the victim of an arson attack... the front of the shop was burnt out (luckily the fire didn't spread) & as a result all the stock was smoke & water damaged. As well as this, a couple of nights later whilst the shop was unprotected & vulnerable $1800 worth of records (our entire A-K section) was stolen by opportunistic passers-by, talk about putting the boot in while your down...

In their pursuit of professionalism the police decided to spend their time - & our money (?) - investigating members of the collective. Bad luck comes in 3 after all!!

Not deterred by these developments the collective (with much help from friends & supporters of the shop) cleaned,srubbed,sanded & painted the shop in one of the loudest paint schemes imaginable, signifying the new life of the shop & our further commitment to a more positive society & bad interior design.



Bookshop vandalised

A left-wing Sydney bookshop was vandalised this week, with slogans reading "Beta Dead than Red" and "Commies Out", and swastikas painted on the front, its manager said yesterday.

The Pathfinder Bookshop, in Surry Hills, was the second bookshop to be vandalised in the past month — Black Rose Anarchist Books, in Newtown, was the target of an arson attack on August 5. The manager of Pathfinder Books blamed "ultra-rightists" for Monday night's attack.

A fire sale was organised to help get the shop back on its feet & clear out the damaged stock. On the 10th of September a celebration was held at our local community hall to mark the 11th birthday of the Black Rose & our survival of the fire - "you can burn the shop but not our spirit & thru the ashes new growth will sprout". The shop opened for 'business' as usual & the collective have been busy not just restoring things to normal but striving to make the shop better than ever. Meanwhile a second shop was attacked - Pathfinder, which sparked speculation of neo-nazi involvement & a public meeting was held to discuss the issue, not much came from this except perhaps some solidarity & the basis for future co-operation. To date no evedence has surfaced to definately prove who was responsible for the attacks, thankfully tho the po-lice are no longer investigating the collective, but are no doubt maintaining an interest.

A big TA (cheers ,thank you,hugs etc) to all those who have given their support toget Black Rose back on its feet & were looking forward to a totally happenin future, on behalf of the collective, check ya later...

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CHARGES AGAINST ♂ SQUATTERS DROPPED

Police have dropped charges against 12 people who were arrested on the 17th of July for occupying an empty house at 51 Calder Rd, Chippendale, owned by the Department of Housing. Two homeless people had been living in the house for two weeks and under a verbal agreement with David Waugh from the Department of Housing, had recieved permission to temporarily stay there. The police, however, forcibly evicted them and 10 other members of DAAH.

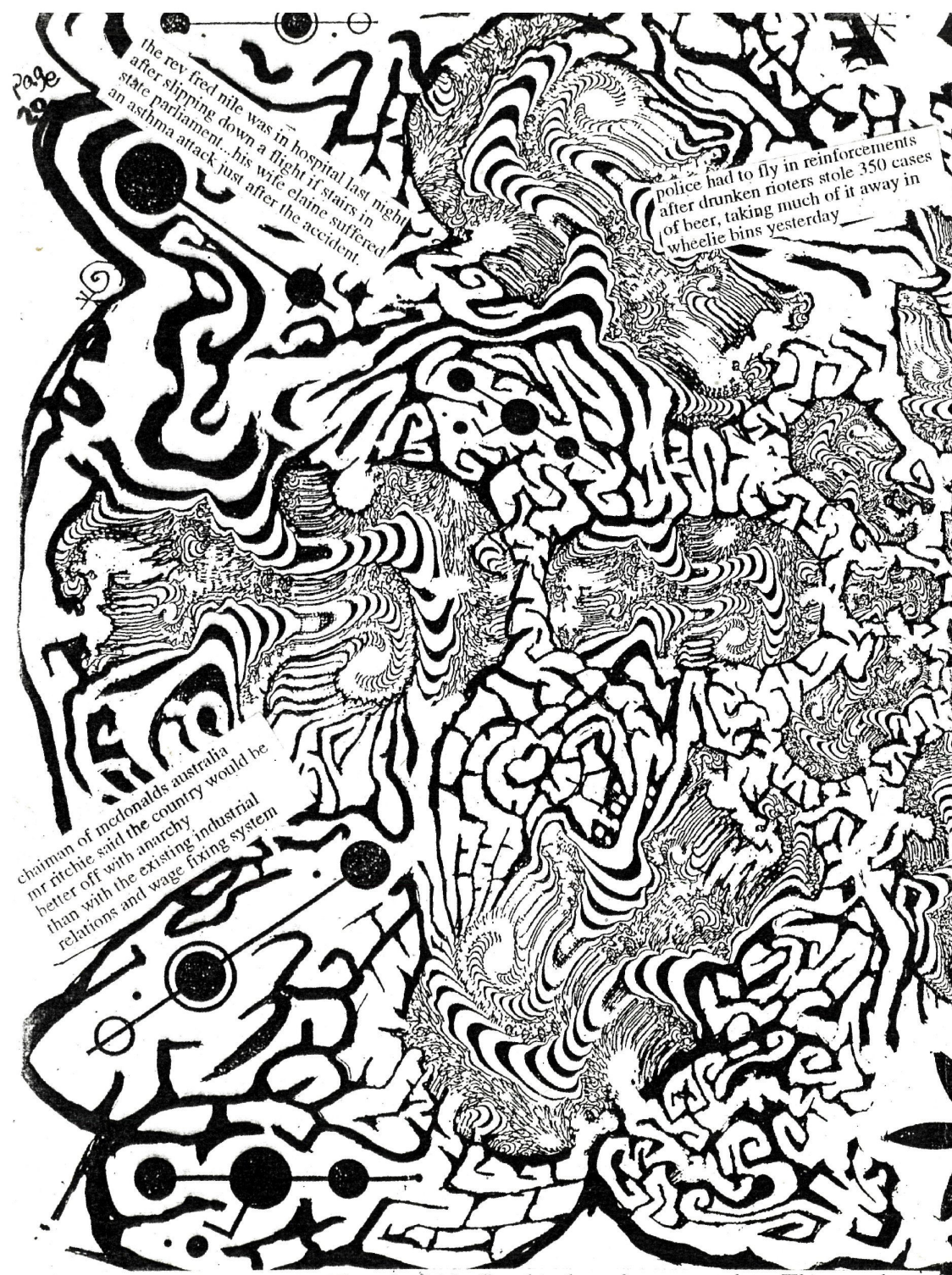
The house at 51 Calder Rd is still unoccupied.

David Waugh today refused to tell members of DAAH on what grounds the house still remains empty. Despite police dropping charges against the squatters, the Department of Housing prefers to keep its empty houses empty rather than establish tenancy agreements with homeless people.

We demand that

* Empty houses owned by the Department of Housing are immediately made available for occupancy.

This action is part of an on-going campain to expose the gross mismanagement of resorces by public bodies and landlords. ♂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the rev fred nile was in hospital last night after slipping down a flight if stairs in state parliament...his wife elaine suffered an asthma attack just after the accident.
police had to fly in reinforcements after drunken rioters stole 350 cases of beer, taking much of it away in wheelie bins yesterday
chairman of mcdonalds australia mr ritchie said the country would be better off with anarchy than with the existing industrial relations and wage fixing system

BONDI: Aparking patrol officer had his fine book stolen yesterday. The youth ran down Campbell Pde ripping out pages from thebook and throwing them away

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Abuse of power comes as no surprise ...

Almost 2 years after AIDEX, (Canberra, November 1991), the C'wlth Ombudsman has 'blasted' the AFP for their "use of excessive force". No wonder the AFP very promptly - back then - dropped the charges against nearly all of the 300 people they had arrested.

An injury to one is an injury to all

Sean Kenan was one of the very few that the AFP prosecuted - they had to, he was charging them with torture ! Representing himself - because of the difficulties in getting Legal Aid - Sean convinced the judge that there was no case to even answer. Then, when the Ombudsman could no longer evade investigating Sean's complaint of torture, while in the hands of the AFP, the Ombudsman oh-so-neatly sidestepped by declaring the complaint couldn't be substantiated - Sean had no witnesses - of course - other than the cops ! Sean, in turn, has 'blasted' the plausibility of the Ombudsman's detailed, but superficial, written 'alibi' for the AFP.

Shannon Ewart's courageous graffiti, against police bashing of women, resulted in her own massive bashing by Melbourne cops, & in her conviction for assaulting multiple police - all on her own.

And now, Garry Hayes who, last April, went on a rampage with an APC (Armoured Personnel Carrier) in Perth, in response to his bashing/brutalisation by the police/legal system, is in danger of a chemical lobotomy at the hands of prison shrinks.

(See separate article)

THE GRAPEVINE ...

Yippee !! Congrats to those who were busted some months ago at the DAAH squatting in Calder St., Chippendale. Apparently the cops - once again - dropped the charges, when it came to court on Nov. 11 ... gutless bastards, eh ?

Special thanks to those wonderful people who donated, in response to our Newsletter request, electric stoves (one for Jura & one for Black Rose), a laptop computer & a lovely large table (for the media/information room).

And ta to those people who have come across with donations/ subscriptions for this here N'LETTER - if you do want a UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE to personally deliver each new issue to your home (PO Box, etc.), you need to send us $, stamps, beer, lentils, etc. We aren't a charity...

As the indigenous Brasilians say: "If you dream alone, it's just a dream; if you dream together, it's reality." (see BOLO' BOLO by P.M.) We are now in need of an electrician to further em-power(sic sorry, I couldn't resist...) our dreams/desires ...

Strike another match, go start anew ...

After the arson attack on Black Rose, both shops have resorted to erecting muscular armouring: B. Rose's is, somewhat aptly, organic or the outside. Thanks to all those who joined in the re-construction of B. Rose, & to Grahame & Cuevas for the 'cage' now at Jura. Also, Jura has a new sign (Ta, Max); a green door (Ta, Mark & Jamie), some forget-me-nots, sunflowers & pansies out back (Ta, Joanne), & some publicity materials on the way (Ta, Haron & Paul)

VERITATIS SEXUS

The resurrection of the Black Rose monthly feasts surely calls for sacramental blessings by ... THE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE. In their recent Encyclical in reply to the Pope, they definitively (& infallibly, of course !) condemn the 'abominable ... practice' (ie., SIN), of SOLITARY masturbation. But, hearken ye of blind &/or gullible faith, there is a moral & honourable alternative: to NOT masturbate ALONE: "when 2 or 3 (or more) of you ... are gathered together in My name" (ie., the Holy Dingo) ...

(Copies available c/o P.O. Box 453, Randwick, 2031)

The Politics of Representation

As Debord says, all that was directly lived has moved away into representations. The negative side - the separation of experience from its representation - is evident in the continuing debate in GREEN LEFT WEEKLY: anti-anarchists trying to represent anarchists (eg. in cartoons & reviews of Chomsky); the publicity given to the graffiting of Pathfinder Books, versus that given the arsoning of B. Rose; the prioritising of union/workerist politics over the more lumpen politics of squatting & the unemployed, & the more brutal policing of such.

The positive side - the integration of participants with their representations - was evident in ABC-FM's Listening Room program on squatting & housing: "The Machine for Living in". Great stuff, Sophie.

Anarchist mantras-to inhibit laziness: "To do is to be"
Socrates
"To be is to do"
Sartre
"Do be do be do be do"
Sinatra

POLITICS FOR ARTS SAKE

We are having an Anarchist art exhibition to encourage all you non-artists out there to have a go and to celebrate our culture and achievements. We are all artists even if we don't realize it. A lot of our Anarchist art work, like posters, leaflets, performances etc are ephemeral and are not fully appreciatedor presented to a larger audience

The exhibition will be on for one week in mid march and final closing date for submissions will be mid february. Venie will probably Stucco in Chippendale. There will be a publication associated with the exhibitn so text based work is welcome.

We need you to spread the word. Do you know anyone in the country or interstate or over seas that might be interested? Please let them know.

We'll keep you informed of the progress. So get cracking!

Any submisssions, enquiries etc. to Brenten c/o Black Rose Books.

big Bad World by ANDY HARP

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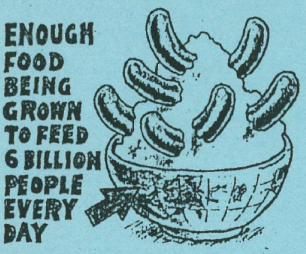

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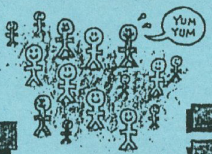

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

26 Baryugil Asbestos Atrocity. Screening: "Dust to dust" (1981) by Sabina Wynn; + Forum with Charles Moran (ex-miner) 7:30pm Art Resistance, 10 Norton St. Leichhardt.

26-29 East Gippsland Campaign Fest - Celibrate and defend. Contact E.O.E. Forest Network 03.419.8700.

27 FunRaiser A*may*zing park party. Sunset to Sunrise. Venue details 88.9fm on the night. FREE.

28 Radio Graffiti. Community news and A info. 3-6pm Skid Row 88.9fm 550.9552

29-Dec 5 Skid Row Radiothon. Subscribe to the vibe.

DECEMBER

2 Benefit for CAT TV, 9 Lives.O+ Bands: E.Eldritch, Very Sorry Commies, Cindy 2000, Bug, Kate Henwood. $5/3 8-12pm at the Dungeon, Cnr Cleveland/Reget Sts Chippo.

4 Justice Campain for Hilton Bomb Victims, 2pm Rationalist Ass'n, 58 Regent St. Chippo (Terry G. 621.8091)

4 Erko Parks Community Festival Day. Paint ya face, and reclaim tha space.

5 Black Rose Vegan Banquet. 6pm. 519.9194

7 East Timor Protest, Garuda Airlines, 175 Clarence St. 12-2pm

9 10th Annual Disservice to Free Speech Awards (Golden Gareths) 7:30pm 63 Bay St. Glebe (389.4009)

9 Benefit for Cat TV 9 Lives World Music 8-12 $5/3 at the Dungeon

10 Tekno Organarchy. Snog, Space Tree, Soma, Core, Non Bossy Posse. At the Dungeon, Cnr. Cleveland/Regent Sts Chippo. $8

11 Psilocyber. Benefit Rave for Anarchist media room and Circus Vibe Tribe. Bands, DJ's,Performances, Video, Vegan Frenzy. $15 Venue details 88.9fm on the night

12 Anarchist Pow Wow, 35 Dixon st Newtown, Food and talk 2pm

13 6pm Opening Art Exhibit by Black Mark Art and...

7pm Book Launch of Val Plumwood's "Feminism and the Mastery of Nature" + 8pm music with Mugwort (Canberra) for an Anti-Xmess Party (free refreshments) at Jura Books 110 Crystal St Petersham 550.9931

16 Benefit for CAT TV 9 Lives NO PIANO Live Techno Bands $3/5 at the Dungeon

17 Picket/Protest (simultaneosly in Syd/Mel/Can/Perth) re Garry Hayes -see Perth Police Tank protest article- to coincide with his court apperance. W.A. Govt Tourist Bureau, 135 King St City, 12-2pm

26 Radio Graffiti, Community news and A info 88.9fm 3-6pm 550.9552

JANUARY

29 Conference on Anarchism in Germany with Will Frith 10am-10pm at Jura Books 110 Crystal St Petersham contact Mark 550.9931

REGULAR EVENTS

Black Rose Vegan Dinner 6pm first Sun of the month

Radio Graffiti goes outA control every 4th sun 3-6pm Skid Row 88.9fm

Anarchist Pow Wow once every 3mths

This newsletter gets out once every other 3mths